

WELLESLEY DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28, 2016; 7:00 PM
GREAT HALL, WELLESLEY TOWN HALL

Members Present: Robert Skolnick, Sheila Dinsmoor, and Ingrid Carls
Staff: Heather Lamplough, Senior Planner and Victor Panak, Planner
Also Present: Heather Stevenson, Thirst Juice
Larry Shind, Thirst Juice

Mr. Skolnick called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

DRB 16-52S: Thirst Juice

Owner, Heather Stevenson and attorney Larry Shind presented the proposed signs to the Board. Mr. Skolnick asked about the decals on the window. Miss Lamplough stated that she did confirm with the Inspector of Buildings that the graphics on the window are not considered a sign. Mr. Skolnick asked if there was going to be seating on the other side of the window. Ms. Stevenson stated that right now there isn't any seating proposed, but they may end up installing a standing rail on the inside of the window, so the graphics would not be in the way of that. Ms. Carls stated that the "thirst" on the awning sign doesn't show up very well. Ms. Stevenson stated that the awning (like all of the awnings on the building) will be blue, so the awning sign will actually stand out even more than on the plans presented (which show the awning as colorless).

After a brief discussion Ms. Carls moved to recommend approval of the signs as presented. Mr. Skolnick seconded. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

DRB 16-53M Retaining Wall at 28 Emerson Road

Miss Lamplough presented the proposed retaining wall to the Board. She pointed out the existing retaining wall on the site plans, and explained that will be extending the wall closer towards the road and that instead of curving in the rear as it does presently, it will be changed to be a right angle towards the house. Miss Lamplough explained that the grading will be changed, as they will be grading the driveway down deeper than it is currently. She explained that while this will make the wall taller on the driveway side of the wall, it will not change the grading or height of the wall on the abutter's side. Ms. Carls asked if the applicant has spoken with the neighbors about this proposal. Miss Lamplough explained that this has been to the ZBA and will be in front of the ZBA again, and that the abutters would have received mail notification of those meetings, so that she assumes that they are aware of the project.

After a brief discussion Mr. Skolnick moved to recommend approval of the retaining wall as presented. Ms. Carls seconded. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Minutes

The minutes from the Design Review Board meetings held on July 13, 2016 will be reviewed at the next meeting to be held on October 12, 2016.

Mr. Skolnick moved to approve the minutes for the Design Review Board meeting on September 14, 2016. Ms. Carls seconded the motion. The motion passed (3-0).

Mr. Skolnick adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:10 pm.

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Note: A recording of this meeting is available in the Planning Department.

Minutes Approved: 10/12/2016

Respectfully submitted by:
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